

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff

v.

MIN WOO SHIN,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. MJ21-591

**COMPLAINT**

Title 18, United States Code,  
Section 111(a)(1)

BEFORE United States Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan, Seattle, Washington.

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

**Count 1**

**(Assault of a Federal Officer)**

On or about November 2, 2021, at SeaTac International Airport, in the Western District of Washington, the Defendant, MIN WOO SHIN, knowingly, intentionally, and forcibly assaulted J.H., an officer of the United States and of an agency of the United States Government, that is, the Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection, while such officer was engaged in and on account of his performance of official duties.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1).

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2 And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following  
3 information:

4 I, Glenn R. Karabeika , being first duly sworn on oath, hereby depose and state as  
5 follows:

6 **AFFIANT BACKGROUND**

7 1. I am a special agent assigned to the Seattle office of Homeland Security  
8 Investigations (HSI). I am a law enforcement officer currently authorized to investigate  
9 and enforce violations of federal criminal statutes, including those found in Title 18 of  
10 the United States Code. I have received basic criminal investigator training and advanced  
11 training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. I have been a special agent  
12 with HSI and its predecessor agency, the United States Customs Service for over 33  
13 years.

14 2. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, training and  
15 experience, and information obtained from other law enforcement officers and witnesses.

16 3. This affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable  
17 cause to believe that Defendant, MIN WOO SHIN, has committed the offense of Assault  
18 of a Federal Officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1). I  
19 have not included every fact concerning this investigation. Rather, I have set forth the  
20 facts that I believe are necessary for a fair determination of probable cause.

21 4. This complaint is being presented electronically pursuant to Local Criminal  
22 Rule CrR 41(d)(3).

23 **SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

24 5. On November 2, 2021, at 1130 hours, Customs and Border Protection  
25 Officers (CBPO) J.H. and Crosswait arrived at SeaTac International Airport, gate S10  
26 where Delta Airlines flight DL 197 was preparing to board for an outbound flight to  
27 Incheon, South Korea. CBPOs Crosswait and J.H. were tasked with examining United  
28 States citizen MIN WOO SHIN because he was a match for an active warrant (NCIC

1 W543747678), with full extradition out of Henrico County, Virginia for counterfeiting.  
2 Delta Airlines employee Park was asked to call forward SHIN and at 1135 hours, SHIN  
3 presented himself at the gate ticketing counter.

4 6. CBPO Crosswait contacted Port of Seattle Police Department and provided  
5 notification that SHIN was the subject of an active warrant and was onsite and in CBP  
6 custody. Meanwhile, CBPO J.H. obtained a binding declaration and conducted a baggage  
7 exam. A binding declaration is a series of questions asked to person entering or leaving  
8 the United States by a Customs and Border Protection officer. SHIN inquired as to why  
9 he was selected for questioning and expressed concern about his flight. CBPO J.H.  
10 explained that as an international traveler, Customs and Border Protection has the  
11 authority and responsibility to examine travelers, to include U.S. citizens, and their  
12 belongings. CBPO J.H. also explained it was not his intention for SHIN to miss the flight.  
13 SHIN was cooperative during the baggage exam, provided answers to questions about his  
14 studies and personal belongings, and willingly followed CBPO Crosswait to a pat down  
15 room.

16 7. Once inside the pat down room, CBPO Crosswait conducted a pat down of  
17 SHIN witnessed by CBPO J.H. SHIN was informed that he would be placed in  
18 handcuffs and willingly faced a wall and placed both hands on the wall at the request of  
19 CBPO Crosswait. When CBPO Crosswait placed his hand on SHIN's left arm, SHIN  
20 pulled his arm away and turned to face CBPOs Crosswait and J.H.. SHIN stated "no, I  
21 have to go to my flight." CBPO J.H. informed SHIN that he was not released at this time  
22 and that he needed to place his hands behind his back. SHIN stated he would not place  
23 his hands behind his back. CBPO J.H. again instructed SHIN to place his hands behind  
24 his back in order to be cuffed. SHIN repeated that he would not place his hands behind  
25 his back and that he needed to go to his flight. CBPO J.H. instructed SHIN to place his  
26 hands behind his back and SHIN stated "no." CBPO Chouchen, who was also in the pat  
27 down room, then took control of SHIN's right wrist and CBPO Crosswait took control of  
28 SHIN's left wrist. CBPOs J.H. and Crosswait placed SHIN's arms behind his back to

1 properly place the handcuffs. In response, SHIN moved his arms to the sides of his torso  
2 and bent his elbows so that his arms were in front of his body. CBPO Crosswait then  
3 placed one side of the handcuffs on SHIN's left wrist and moved SHIN's left hand to his  
4 back. CBPO J.H. moved SHIN's right hand to his back and CBPO Crosswait was able to  
5 apply the remaining side of his handcuffs. At 1148 hours CBPO Crosswait adjusted the  
6 tightness of the handcuffs to ensure that they were applied correctly and then double  
7 locked the handcuffs.

8 8. SHIN sat down at the request of CBPOs Crosswait and J.H. CBPO  
9 Crosswait left the pat down room to make copies of SHIN's documents. SHIN repeatedly  
10 demanded CBPO J.H. remove the handcuffs and to provide his name. CBPO J.H.  
11 provided his name to which SHIN responded, "I'm going to put your name in my phone  
12 so I can complain to the government." SHIN also stated that he needed to get his phone  
13 and leave and that he had already missed his flight yesterday. CBPO J.H. attempted to  
14 explain that Port of Seattle Police were arriving, but SHIN repeatedly yelled "SHUT  
15 UP!" SHIN then stood up and attempted to walk to the pat down room door. CBPO J.H.  
16 stopped SHIN by placing his left hand on SHIN's chest. SHIN stepped back to the corner  
17 of the room, but stated he would not sit down. CBPO attempts to reason with SHIN  
18 resulted in SHIN telling the officer(s) to, "SHUT UP."

19 9. Shortly thereafter, SHIN moved towards CBPO J.H. and came within a few  
20 inches of his chest and face. CBPO J.H. placed his left hand on SHIN's upper chest and  
21 extended his arm to gain a safe distance. At this time, SHIN used his right foot to kick  
22 CBPO J.H.'s upper left leg and left testicle. CBPO J.H. maintained contact with his left  
23 hand on SHIN's upper right chest and held him against the wall of the pat down room.  
24 SHIN then attempted to kick CBPO J.H., but CBPO J.H. prevented the kick using his  
25 right hand. At this point, CBPO Bolavong assisted CBPO J.H. by placing his hand on  
26 SHIN's left upper chest/shoulder area.

27 10. At approximately 1152 hours, SHIN was able to manipulate his left hand  
28 from behind his back and grab the lower right elastic of his mask with one finger to pull it



1 down. SHIN manipulated his mouth and lips to prepare to spit. CBPO J.H. pulled SHIN's  
2 mask up with his right hand in time to block the spit which was audibly expectorated.  
3 After fixing SHIN's mask so that it was properly over his nose and mouth again, SHIN  
4 again raised his right leg to kick CBPO J.H., however, CBPO J.H. placed his right hand  
5 on SHIN's thigh to prevent SHIN from committing additional assaults. CBPO J.H.  
6 reported feeling pain from the assault.

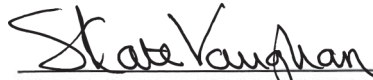
7 11. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause  
8 to believe that Defendant, MIN WOO SHIN, did knowingly and intentionally commit the  
9 offense of Assault of a Federal Officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,  
10 Section 111(a)(1).

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13 Glenn R. Karabeika, Complainant  
14 Special Agent, Homeland Security  
15 Investigations

16 The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the  
17 contents in the foregoing Complaint and Affidavit. Based on the Complaint and  
18 Affidavit, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant  
19 committed the offense set forth in the Complaint.

20 Dated this 3rd day of November, 2021.

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23 HON. S. KATE VAUGHAN  
24 United States Magistrate Judge  
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